



LITTLE LEVER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

ON THE

HEALTH AND SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLE LEVER

FOR THE YEAR

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLE LEVER
FOR THE YEAR 1967.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Little Lever Urban District Council.

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report on the health and
sanitary conditions of Little Lever, during the year ended December
31st, 1967.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area in Acres.....	808
Population - Census, 1961.....	5,088
Population - Registrar General's mid-year estimate.....	6,300
No. of inhabited houses.....	2,446
Rateable Value.....	£191,578
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.....	£715

Births

Live Births	Male	Female	Total	England and Wales
Legitimate	88	97	185	
Illegitimate	5	4	9	
	93	101	194	

Live-birth rate (per 1,000 Population) - 30.8 17.2

Still Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	1	1	2

Still-birth rate (per 1,000 live and still births) - 10.0 14.8

Deaths	Male	Female	Total	
Deaths from all causes (see table in P.2.)	34	31	65	
Crude death rate	10.3 per 1000 population			
Ratio Local death rate to National rate	1.20			11.2

Infant deaths under 1 year	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	4	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	2	4	6

Infant mortality rate (per 1000 live births)	31.0	18.3
Neonatal mortality rate (under 4 weeks)	26.0	12.5
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under 1 week)	36.0	25.4

Maternal Mortality		
Number of deaths	0	0.20
Rate per 1,000 live and still-births	Nil	

Table of Causes of Death

Causes of Death	Male	Female
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	1	1
Lung Bronchus	2	0
Other malignant neoplasms	4	7
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	9
Coronary Disease, Angina	7	1
Hypertension with heart disease	2	3
Other heart diseases	4	1
Other circulatory diseases	2	0
Pneumonia	1	1
Bronchitis	3	1
Ulcer of stomach	1	0
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	0
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	0	1
Congenital Malformation	1	0
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	4
All other accidents	0	2
	34	31

Of the total 65 deaths, 25 occurred in persons aged 75 and over.

Infectious Diseases

Disease	Cases	Deaths
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Measles.	121	0
Whooping Cough.	4	0
Dysentery.	0	0

There were no cases notified of Diphteria, Acute Pneumonia, Food-Poisoning and Tubercolsis.

General Provision of Health Service for the Area.

Vaccination and Immunisation.

This service is undertaken by the family doctor or the local Health Authority in the Mytham Road Clinic.

Ambulance Service Lancashire County Council - Telephone SWINTON 4343.

Care of Children - Childrens' Act, 1948.

Area Children's Office (Lancashire County Council).

Area Children's Officer BURY.....

Clinics (Lancashire County Council) Mytham Road.

Ante-natal.

Immunisation against Diphteria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus & Poliomyelitis.

Vaccination.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

School Health Service.

Venereal Disease: Civic Centre, Bolton.

Males: Monday - Friday 9.30 - 11.30 p.m.

Mon.,Wed.,Fri. 4.30 - 7.00 p.m.

Venereals Disease: (Continued)

Females: Tues.,Thurs.,Sat. 9.30 - 11.30 p.m.
Mon.,Wed.,Friday. 4.30 - 7.00 p.m.

Convalescence - Lancashire County Council - Apply Divisional Health Office,
Leigh Road, Leigh, Lancs.

Health Visiting:

One Health Visitor is employed by the Lancashire County Council.

Home Nursing:

One District Nurse is employed by the Lancashire County Council.

Hospitals:

Bolton Royal Infirmary.
Bolton District General Hospital, Farnworth.

Laboratory Facilities:

Available at Bolton Hospitals and Public Health Laboratory Service,
Withington Hospital.

Midwifery Service:

Midwives employed by Lancashire County Council.

Unmarried Mothers:

Provision for their care is made by Lancashire County Council, by
agreement with the Council for Moral Welfare: Miss A. Rigby,
24, Acresfield,
Bolton. Tel: Bolton 28524.

Welfare Services:

Provided by Lancashire County Council through the Divisional Health Committee.

Home Help: - Apply to Divisional Health Office, Leigh Road, Leigh, Lancs.

Voluntary Services:

The Old Peoples' Voluntary Welfare Committee continued to integrate and
co-ordinate voluntary activities in the field of old peoples' welfare.

Interest among the older citizens was stimulated by social events at the
Community Hall.

Christmas parcels to the over 80's and Meals-on-Wheels in particular, proved
their inestimable worth.

Adoptive Acts in Force.

Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1890, Part 4.
Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1907, parts 2 and 4.
Public Health Acts, 1925, Part 2 (Except Sections 22 and 25).
Private Street Works Act, 1892.

Sanitary Accommodation:

The types of sanitary accommodation, with the numbers of each type, at
the end of 1967, were as follows:-

Privy Middens.....	1
Closets attached to these Middens.....	2
Waste Water Closets.....	20
Fresh Water Closets.....	2,521
Moveable Dustbins.....	2,739
Number of houses on water carriage system.....	2,442

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Sanitary Inspections.

During 1967, the number of premises visited for the purpose of sanitary inspections was 442, involving a total of 701 visits. As a result of these visits 149 defects or nuisances were discovered. 106 were abated as a result of the issuing of 23 informal notices and 10 statutory notices. Legal procedure was not required in any case.

Bakehouses, dairies and cowsheds have been periodically inspected during the year, and have been found to be in a satisfactory condition.

There are three dairy farms in the district. No complaints have been made about the quality of the milk produced.

There are 16 food shops in the district, supplying general groceries and provisions. In addition there are 8 shops which supply greengroceries and fruits (including wet fish, game, etc.) 2 fishmonger's shops, 7 meat shops, 7 bakery and confectionery shops and 6 fried fish shops. All have been visited and inspected periodically and found to be satisfactory. Standards of hygiene are noticeably higher than they used to be and shopkeepers generally are much more careful in the display and handling of foodstuffs.

The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations govern standards in food premises including the conduct and cleanliness of staff and most food premises in the district now conform to the requirements of the regulations.

Water Supply:

The water supply is from the Bolton Corporation Water Board (Irwell Valley Division) and is constant. All houses are directly connected, the number of houses with a piped supply being 2,446 and the population served 6,300.

During 1967, 690 bacteriological examinations of the raw water were made, and all were satisfactory. In addition, 1,482 bacteriological examinations and 9 chemical analyses of the water going into supply after treatment, were carried out and 98.31% were found to be satisfactory.

The water supply comes from reservoirs into which upland surface water flows. All supplies are chlorinated, and no water with a plumbosolvent action is included. The Water supply on the whole is very satisfactory, but there are several houses with a very low water pressure due to old service pipes requiring renewal.

During 1967, 44 yards of 2 inch diameter pipes and 52 yards of 3 inch diameter pipes were laid for existing dwellings, and 626 yards of 2 inch diameter pipes, 1,276 yards of 3 inch diameter pipes, 477 yards of 4 inch diameter pipes, 118 yards of 6 inch diameter pipes were laid for new dwellings.

Sewage and Refuse Disposal

The methods used for sewage disposal have again been quite satisfactory during the year. The sewage is treated by screening, sedimentation and filtration. No extensions to the sewage works were carried out in 1966. The Council are members of the Bolton and District Joint Sewerage Board, and work was completed during the year on the construction of the Trunk Sewer to serve the area and the use of the Council's sewage works discontinued.

There are four houses in the district without sewerage systems, due to the fact that they cannot be connected to a sewer. Septic tanks, of which there are two in the district, are kept in order by the owners at their expense. During 1967, 164 new houses were connected up to the sewerage system.

House refuse is collected by the Council's fore and aft tipper. Collections are made each week and the one remaining privy midden is cleared each fortnight. All the refuse collected is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Council's tip.

All sewers and manholes have been periodically inspected and sewers have been flushed and manholes cleaned out to control rat infestation, as well as 6 monthly treatments by Rentokil Laboratories, Limited, with fluoracetamide.

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Atmospheric Pollution.

The Council are Members of the South-East Lancashire and North Cheshire Consultative Committee for the Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution. There are 11 factory chimneys in the district. Personal contact by the Public Health Inspector is maintained with works managers, and consultations with H.M. Alkali Inspector, to deal with problems of dust fumes from a chemical plant in the district are held when required. All possible steps are taken to keep the emission of black smoke down to a minimum.

It has still not been practicable to put into force the Bye-Laws under section 24 of the Clean Air Act, 1956. The proposed smokeless zone containing 239 houses and other buildings is in abeyance owing to technical difficulties. Once again, it has to be put on record that atmospheric pollution regularly occurs from heavily laden coal wagons passing through the district.

Housing.

During 1967, 168 new houses were built by other bodies or persons. Work on the building of 211 flats and houses in the Dove Bank area continues.

Number of Houses owned by the Local Authority.

1.	Under 1919 Scheme.....	113
2.	Under Housing Act, 1923.....	11
3.	Under Housing Act, 1924.....	122
4.	Erected during 1936.....	30
5.	" " 1937.....	38
6.	" " 1938.....	34
7.	" " 1947.....	14
8.	" " 1948.....	32
9.	" " 1949.....	44
10.	" " 1951.....	30
11.	" " 1952.....	22
12.	" " 1955.....	52
13.	" " 1956.....	58
14.	" " 1957.....	12
15.	" " 1959.....	40
16.	" " 1961.....	40
17.	" " 1963.....	36
18.	" " 1965.....	18
19.	" " 1966.....	28

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The general standard of housing in the district is reasonable and compares favourably with that of neighbouring townships. The commonest type of house is the four-roomed cottage, built in rows, each with two bedrooms. There are about 600 of these, but about 150-200 of these are in a poor state and ought to be demolished. The main defects to be found are dampness, low ceilings and absence of bathrooms and inside lavatories, poor water pressure, absence of hot water systems and old age. The majority of them have had no maintenance work done for many years and have steadily deteriorated. They are nothing more than anachronistic relics of the mid-Victorian years, and nobody, apart from their owners would mourn their demolition.

During 1967, there were 22 applications submitted to the Council for Standard Grants and 21 were approved. Of these, 8 were for all amenities and one was for 5 amenities, 7 for 6 amenities, 2 for 2 amenities and 3 for 1 amenity. In 14 cases the work was completed before the end of the year. There were no applications during 1967 for Improvement Grants. The number of applications for Standard Grants is still disappointingly small. There are many older houses in the district which could be renovated at a reasonable expense and their useful life prolonged, but owners of these houses do not appear to appreciate the advantages of this scheme.

The building of houses for sale by private builders is increasing in the area. During 1967 168 houses were built for sale. With a further influx of newcomers to the district and a consequent rise in the population figure.

The waiting list for Council Houses continues to diminish, due to the building
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of houses by the Council and by private builders.

Seven slum clearance orders were made in 1967, totalling 66 houses.

No known cases of overcrowding now remain, but the housing situation is kept under constant review.

Town Planning.

The County Council have delegated powers to the Local Authority for the purposes of Town Planning. The closest co-operation exists between the Local Authority and the County Council in all matters relating to Town Planning.

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PART I OF THE ACT

(14) 1 - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	7	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	22	1	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
T O T A L	31	1	Nil	Nil

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	referred		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective.					
(c) Not separate for sexes.					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work).					
T O T A L					

3. Outwork. (Section 133 and 134).

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices Served.	Pros- ecutions
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Sewing	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
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Signed: E. TAYLOR.

Medical Officer of Health.

